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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No; no area in the Tanjore district has been declared as unhealthy locality and the question of sanctioning extra allowance to Government employees does not arise."

* 1265 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the villages in this State have been declared as filarial areas, and the non-gazetted officers working in the Government offices located in those areas are granted special allowance for their proper protection;

(b) if so, the names of such villages in Chingleput district;

(c) the details about the allowance granted to non-gazetted officers; and

(d) whether this concession is extended to copyists and examiners?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) In connection with the scheme for grant of interest-free advances for the purchase of mosquito nets to non-gazetted Government servants employed in areas where there is risk of filaria, the Director of Public Health has been requested to draw up and communicate to all Heads of Departments a list of such filarial areas in the State.

" (b) The list of such places in the Chingleput district is given below :—

1 Alandur.	10 Ponneri.
2 Adambakkam.	11 Sriperumbudur.
3 Ambattur.	12 Santhavelur.
4 Chingleput.	13 Thiruvallur.
5 Chromepet.	14 Tambaram.
6 Kancheepuram.	15 Thiruvottiyur.
7 Kattur.	16 Uttiramerur.
8 Maduranthakam.	17 Villivakkam.
9 Poonamallee.	18 Thirukkalukundram.

" (c) Beyond the grant of interest-free advances for purchase of mosquito nets. no extra allowance has been sanctioned to non-gazetted Government servants employed in filarial places.

" (d) The question does not arise."

* 1266 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have ordered the grant of unhealthy locality allowances to certain areas including Cuddalore, Tindivanam and Bhuvanagiri in South Arcot district from 1st November 1954;

(b) if so, whether these allowances have been paid to the staff in all the concerned areas in South Arcot district; and

(c) if not paid to the staff in Cuddalore, the reasons therefor?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The Government have not sanctioned the drawal of unhealthy localities allowance in purely filarial places such as Cuddalore, Tindivanam and Bhuvanagiri in South Arcot district.

" (b) As no unhealthy localities allowance has been sanctioned, the question of payment does not arise.

" (c) The question does not arise."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I know under what condition these localities are declared as unhealthy? Apart from granting this allowance, what steps the Government are taking to make them healthy? I am asking this question because I know there are certain unhealthy localities which have not been included and nothing has been done in their case."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Wherever there is prevalence of malaria and the Director of Public Health makes a report that it is an endemic area, we declare it as an unhealthy area and the unhealthy locality allowance is given. With regard to the preventive measures, I am sure my Colleague, the Minister in charge of Public Health, is taking necessary action in the matter. I may say that we have made a good progress in the prevention of malaria."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Will the Government see that these employees are not retained permanently in such unhealthy localities but transferred to other places so that they may not solely bear this burden? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. They are transferred periodically."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தஞ்சை ஜில்லா ஒரு சுகாதாரமற்ற இடம் என்று சர்க்கார் அறிக்கை விடவில்லை என்று சொன்னார். ஆனால் டைரெக்டர் ஆப் பப்ளிக் ஹெல்த் வெளியிட்ட ஒரு அறிக்கை பத்திரிகையில் வந்திருந்தது. அதன்படி தஞ்சை ஜில்லாவில் 27 இடங்கள் 'பிலேரியல்' தேசம் என்று அறிக்கை வெளியிட்டிருக்கிறார். ஜில்லா போர்டு நிர்வாகத்தில் வேலை செய்யும் சிப்பந்திகளுக்கு கொசு வலை வாங்கிக்கொள்வதற்கு பணம் கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் நிலைமை அம்மாதிரி இருக்கும்போது சர்க்கார் ஏன் இப்படி சுகாதார மற்ற இடமல்ல என்று பதில் சொல்லவேண்டும்? இனிமேல் விசாரணை செய்து சர்க்கார் சிப்பந்திகளுக்கு வசதிகள் செய்துகொடுப்பதற்கு நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" நான் சொன்ன பதிலை சரியாக புரிந்துகொண்டிருந்தால் இந்தக் கேள்வி எழுந்திருக்காது. மலேரியா மட்டும் இருந்தால் அது சுகாதார வசதியற்ற இடமென்று வெளியிடுவதில்லை விசாரணை செய்த பிறகு கொசு வலை வாங்க வட்டி இல்லாமல் கடன் கொடுக்க ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. சுகாதாரமற்ற பிரதேசங்களிலிருக்கிறவர்களுக்கு விசேஷ அலவன்ஸ் கொடுக்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware that unhealthy locality allowance has been drawn in Tindivanam and other areas in South Arcot district? May I also know whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the Government

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Order that the employees are eligible for this allowance in places which have been declared as unhealthy localities? If so, may I know the reason . . ."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think that Tindivanam, or any other place in South Arcot district has been declared as an unhealthy locality. To answer the first part of the hon. Member's question, I will have to repeat my main answer to clause (*a*) of the original question, viz., ' The Government have not sanctioned the drawal of unhealthy localities allowance in purely filarial places such as Cuddalore, Tindivanam and Bhuvnagiri in South Arcot district.' In purely filarial areas, only loans for the purchase of mosquito-nets are given free of any interest."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Sir, I am very glad and wholeheartedly congratulate the Government and the Hon. Minister on their showing a sympathetic attitude towards the Non-Gazetted Officers by granting loans. May I know whether the Government propose to do anything towards the helpless persons who are lying in the pials and streets by granting loans to them also so that they may protect themselves from the attack of these diseases? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I very gratefully accept the congratulation extended by the hon. Member. But I do not know how they will be able to use the mosquito-nets when they are lying on the roadside pials."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Government first thought of declaring Ariyalur as an unhealthy locality but later dropped the proposal? If so, may I know whether the Government will reconsider the matter and declare it also as an unhealthy locality as it is a place where filariasis is prevalent? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Generally we seem to compete with regard to unhealthy localities and backward areas. Anyhow, I would like to have notice in respect of the suggestion made by the hon. Member."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" The Hon. Minister said that in filarial places, the Government advance loans to the Non-Gazetted Officers for purchasing mosquito-nets so that they may protect themselves from mosquito nuisance. Already they are agitating that their salary is insufficient. When this loan is given to them, will it not be additional burden for them? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, these loans are recovered in very easy instalments and no interest is charged. If the hon. Member thinks that we should not give the loan at all, I do not think that will be welcomed by the Non-Gazetted Officers."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" In the nature of things, mosquito-nets are likely to be torn by constant use. Further, it is

a well-known fact that the Non-Gazetted Officers are very poor and are unable to meet their expenses as they receive a low salary from the Government. In view of these facts and in view of the hardships in which they find themselves placed, will the Government see that these mosquito-nets are supplied to them free?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I am afraid the financial commitment will be a little bit large. Therefore we have to consider this question with reference to the financial resources available."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the Government are now granting loans free of interest for the purchase of mosquito-nets and some other concessions also in areas which are declared as unhealthy localities. Are the Government aware that a special memorandum has been submitted to the Hon. the Minister for Finance that the teachers in Wynaad and other unhealthy areas are to be given some special allowance as in the case of Non-Gazetted Officers. Have the Government taken up full responsibility for paying the teachers in full?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no question of our taking responsibility for paying the teachers in full. We make some grant towards the pay of teachers. That is all. Therefore, the question of providing further allowances in unhealthy localities by the Government will not arise."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" On a point of clarification, I wish to say that as far as Malabar is concerned, I am grateful that the Government have taken up responsibility in the matter of payment to the teachers?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, it is only a method of payment of grant. That does not mean that the Government have taken over full responsibility in the matter."

Framing of Service Rules for workers of the Transport Department

* 1267 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state why the Transport Department is kept as a temporary department?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The Government have issued a declaration that the conditions of service of holders of posts created in connexion with the nationalization of passenger bus service are matters not suitable for regulation by rule. Such a declaration was issued because it was the intention of the Government at the time that the administration of the department should vest in a Road Transport Corporation which should be free to have its own rules and regulations. The Government have since decided that no Corporation need be formed for the Government Bus Service, Madras City and much less for the whole State. It has also been decided that Service Rules should be framed for all the posts in the Transport Department. The framing of service